

D.T.E. 05-7

February 25, 2005

Petition of The Berkshire Gas Company for Approval of its Long-Range Forecast and Resource Plan for the five-year period 2004/2005 through 2008/2009 pursuant to G.L. c. 164, §§ 69I et seq.

The Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") has received the petition of The Berkshire Gas Company ("Berkshire" or "Company") for approval of its Long-Range Forecast and Resource Plan, for the years 2004/2005 through 2008/2009. The Department will review the Company's sendout forecast for the appropriateness and accuracy of the forecast, and will review the Company's supply plan for its adequacy and cost.

Upon the foregoing petition, the Department will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the Company's filing on Thursday, March 24, 2005, at 2:00 p.m., at the Department's offices, One South Station, 2nd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. Following the public hearing, the Department will conduct a procedural conference.

Any person who desires to participate in the evidentiary phase of the proceeding concerning the above petition must file an original and two (2) copies of a written petition for leave to intervene or to participate in the proceeding not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Friday, March 18, 2005, with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, 2nd Floor, Boston, MA. 02110 and one (1) copy with the Company's attorney:

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A petition to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03. Receipt by the Department -- not mailing -- constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. A late-filed petition may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown for waiver. To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

All written pleadings or comments also must be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dte.efiling@state.ma.us and Michael.Killion@state.ma.us; or (2) on a 3.5" floppy diskette, IBM-compatible format. The text of the e-mail or the diskette label must specify: (1) an easily identifiable case caption; (2) docket number; (3) name of the person or company submitting the filing, and (4) a brief descriptive title of the document (e.g., comments or petition to intervene). The electronic filing should also include the name, title and phone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be written in either Word Perfect (naming the document with a ".wpd" suffix) or in Microsoft Word, (naming the document with a ".doc" suffix). Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. Documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's Website, <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>.

A copy of the Company's petition and filing is available for inspection during business hours at the Department's offices at One South Station, 2nd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts; at the offices of the Company, 115 Cheshire Road, Pittsfield, Massachusetts; and at the main branch of the public library in Pittsfield. Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing should contact the Company's attorney, identified above. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact Michael Killion, Hearing Officer, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, at (617) 305-3619.